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1. Control system for remote manipulation equipment (41) fixed on carrying equipment (43) operating in a confinement containment (40) and subjected to radioactive radiation comprising:

- "onboard" control means located inside the containment (40) designed to control movements of the said manipulation and carrying equipment (41, 43); and
- management equipment (42) located outside the containment (40) providing the interface between the operator and the control means,

characterized in that:

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- the control means comprise firstly a control box (20) impermeable to radiation and comprising electronic circuit boards, and secondly a power supply box (1) impermeable to radiation and comprising at least one energy supply source, and
- management means (42) comprising a communication device to transmit orders to onboard control means and to receive data about the state of the said control means and the state of remote manipulation and carrying equipment (41, 43).
- 2. Control system according to claim 1, 25 characterized in that the power supply box (1)comprises two power supply sources operating redundantly.
  - 3. Control system according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the electronic circuit boards comprise several microprocessors operating alternately

and processing circuits providing functional control over this microprocessor.

- 4. Control system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that it is self-configurable to match the manipulation equipment (41) and the carrying equipment (43).
- 5. System according to any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the control means (42) comprise circuits for processing status data received from the control means to diagnose failures and operating errors of the equipment (41, 43) and the control means.
- 6. System according to any one of the previous claims, characterized in that the control means are each provided with a base (19, 30), larger than the power supply box (1) and the control box (20), fixed permanently on each equipment to be controlled and each being provided with:
  - means of attachment to a control box (20) or a power supply box (1) onto the base;
  - internal connection means to make electrical and/or electronic connections between the box and the base on which it is fixed; and
  - external connection means for making external electrical and/or electronic connections between the equipment (41, 43) to be controlled and the base (30).
- 7. System according to claim 6, characterized in that the power supply boxes (1) and the control boxes (20) are provided with locking means (10, 12, 21, 23) on their corresponding bases (19, 30, 44), that can be manoeuvred from outside these power supply boxes (1) and control boxes (20).

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- System according to claim 6, characterized in that a lead base plate (31) is placed under the base (30) of each control box (20).
- 9. System according to claim 6, characterized in that the power supply boxes (1) and the control boxes (20) each comprise a stainless steel housing closed by a Plexiglas cover (6, 27).
- 10. System according to claim 9, characterized in that it comprises gaskets (8, 26) to be used for assembly of the Plexiglas covers (6, 27).

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